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Tennessee Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects Presents State Awards

NASHVILLE, TN --- Tennessee Chapter of American Society for Landscape Architects (TNASLA) met in Nashville May 3rd and 4th for their annual state conference and awards ceremony.

The conference opened with welcome remarks by Rebecca Ratz, TNASLA President-elect and landscape architect with Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation. Keynote speakers included Mikyoung Kim of Mikyoung Kim Design and Gina Ford of Agency Landscape + Planning. The theme of this years' conference was Diversity Through Design. The conference celebrated and examined the unique position of Landscape Architects to bring communities together through shared space, to influence health outcomes, and to create equity and opportunity.

Session speakers included Andrew tenBrink of James Corner Field Operations, John McConkey of Landscape Structures, Ingrid Kanics of OTR/L, Carol Ernst of Mary's Magical Place, Molly Meyer & Jesse Rosenbluth of Omni Ecosystems, Alexa Bush of City of Detroit, Maria Fuhrman of City of Memphis, Eric Kopstain of Vanderbilt University, Ron Yearwood & Melody Gibson of Nashville Civic Design Center, Harriet Brooks of Hawkins Partners, Alisha Eley of Kimley-Horn, and Curtis Thomas & Jeff Hall of Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority.

DESIGN AWARDS

Professional and Student Design Awards were judged by landscape architects of the Prairie Gateway ASLA Chapter (Kansas and Missouri). The top prize, the Award of Excellence, was awarded to Kimley-Horn for the Envision Sudekum Napier Transformation Plan.

Professional Award Winners:

Kimley-Horn (Nashville) | Award of Excellence in Analysis & Planning | Envision Sudekum Napier Transformation Plan | For Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority

Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects (Charlottesville, VA) with local firms Hodgson & Douglas, Collier Engineering and Tara Armistead (Nashville) | Honor Award in Analysis & Planning | Southeast Davidson Regional Park for Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation

Lose and Associates (Nashville) | Honor Award in General Design | Riverfront Landing | For Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation

PORT and Sanders Pace Architects (Knoxville) | Merit Award in Analysis & Planning | Knoxville Battlefield Loop

Ross/Fowler P.C. (Knoxville) | Merit Award in Analysis & Planning | Connecting Knoxville

Hawkins Partners (Nashville) | Merit Award in General Design | 1201 Demonbreun

Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects (Charlottesville, VA) | Merit Award in Research | Lone Oaks Farm BioBlitz

Student Award Winners:

Students in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Graduate Landscape Architecture Program were recognized for award winning projects and plans.

Rachel Helton | Honor Award in Student Analysis & Planning | Designing a Restorative Blueway

Alexa Macri | Honor Award in Student Analysis & Planning | Knox Tributary Toolkit

OLMSTED AWARD

This year's Olmsted Award was bestowed upon Larry Mizell. The purpose of TNASLA's Olmsted Award, named in honor of the founding father of Landscape Architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted, is to promote the ideals he established to ensure the health and enjoyment of the environment by all mankind. The award is given annually to recognize significant contributions in one of four categories: contributions to the profession in Tennessee, preservation of the landscape of Tennessee, enhancement of Tennessee's physical environment, or landscape architectural education.

Larry Mizell has more than 50 years of development experience in the private and public sectors. He has held every elected position in TNASLA leadership, including his current Trustee position, and is the patriarch of the organization. This award was bestowed on him for his lifetime of service to the profession. He is widely respected by his peers locally and at National ASLA where he is Vice President of Membership at Nationals.

As a Land Planner for the City of Franklin for 10 years he worked with developers to encourage good designs for a sustainable city. Larry said that "Quality of life is important to me. What makes up quality of life is design of the sites, and accessibility to facilities, accessibility to roads and streets and how you develop neighborhoods and core buildings."

Tennessee Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects is a non-profit dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, education and skill in the art of Landscape Architecture and the promotion of the profession of Landscape Architecture as an instrument of service in the public welfare. For more information visit www.tnasla.org.

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